

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the page 28 has been amended to include the page number, as requested by the Examiner. Claims 12 and 14-33 are pending. Claim 33 has been amended to reflect the correct claim numbering. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants note Examiner's suggestion that copies of reference citations be submitted for scanning. Applicants also note that the Examiner has cited art in Form PTO-892 that was listed in Form PTO-1449 and was scratched through by the Examiner. Applicants believe that all references submitted in the Form PTO-1449 are of record.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

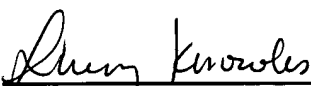
The Examiner has rejected claims 12 and 14-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The Examiner alleges that the term "HIV related opportunistic infectious disease" is generic and renders the claim incompletely defined. Applicants respectfully disagree. The term "HIV related opportunistic infectious disease" is very well known in the art. The Examiner is directed to the following websites which describe HIV related opportunistic infectious diseases: <http://www.aids.org/Factsheets/500-Opportunistic-Infections.html> and <http://www.aegis.com/topics/oi/>. Human bodies normally carry bacteria, protozoa, fungi, and viruses, which a healthy immune system can normally control. Humans infected with HIV have a weakened immune system and infections can develop from the bacteria, protozoa, fungi, and viruses which are normally present. Such infections that take advantage of weakness in the immune defenses are called "opportunistic". Examples of opportunistic infections which may affect people living with HIV include but are not limited to: Bacterial pneumonia, Candidiasis, Cryptococcosis, Cryptosporidiosis, isosporiasis, Cytomegalovirus, Herpes simplex, Herpes zoster, Histoplasmosis, Kaposi's sarcoma, Leishmaniasis, mycobacterium avium complex (MAC), PCP, Toxoplasmosis, and Tuberculosis. It is thus extremely well known in the art what "HIV related opportunistic infectious diseases" are. Anyone skilled in the art would know the meaning of the term "HIV related opportunistic infectious diseases". Therefore, the claims do not require further definition or clarification of "HIV related opportunistic infectious diseases".

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 12 and 14-33 for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,303 (note: Applicants believe Examiner meant claims 13-26); over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,391,859; and over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,300. Applicants agree to submit a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,680,303; 6,391,859; and 6,232,300 upon agreement of allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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